

**REMARKS**

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that in the Examiner's opinion the present application contains four different species I, II, III, IV. The Examiner is therefore required to elect for further prosecution a single species.

With the present communication applicants have conditionally elected for further prosecution the species of Figures 2a, 2b, 2c.

It is believed that claim 1 is generic to all the species disclosed.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12-15 are readable on the elected invention.

It is respectfully submitted that if a generic claim is finally held allowable, the claims related to the other features will have to be allowed as well.

At the same time the Examiner's election requirement is respectfully traversed.

The present application is a U.S. national phase application based on the PCT application. Therefore the prosecution of the present application has to follow Rule 13, which specifically defines that in a single application several species can be retained.


It is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the request to elect a single species, and to prosecute all species disclosed in the present application, and all claims currently on file.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be

helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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